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In re Application of  
Vernice Doyle Taliaferro, et al.  
Application No. 10/820,901  
Filed: April 8, 2004  
For: **ANTI-ABDUCTION SYSTEM AND  
METHOD**

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 to make special filed April 26, 2004 which is considered as pursuant to MPEP §708.02 (IV), applicant's age.

A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

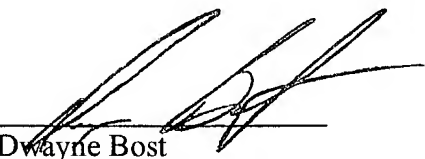
The petition includes a copy of Mr. Taliaferro's birth certificate evidencing that he is over 65 years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

With respect to the additional grounds set forth in the petition in order to seek to make the subject application special, they are considered moot in view of the above decision

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

  
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